



# 2007 MARLO CONFERENCE

## - A Brief History -

Welcome to the Maritime Liaison Office's (MARLO) 20th Anniversary Conference. We are celebrating 20 years of support to the commercial maritime community: 1987 - 2007

MARLO was established in 1987, during the Iran-Iraq "Tanker Wars," to promote cooperation between the United States Navy and the commercial maritime community. At the time, petroleum and cargo vessels of neutral nations were being indiscriminately attacked in the Arabian Gulf. The United States Navy initiated a convoy system with escorts in order to avert further loss of life and property, and created MARLO as a mechanism to communicate with and assist the commercial community.

The MARLO mission is to facilitate the exchange of information between the United States Navy, Coalition Naval Forces, and the commercial maritime community in the United States Central Command's (CENTCOM) Area of Responsibility. MARLO operates as a conduit for information focused on the safety of shipping and is committed to assisting the commercial maritime community.

## Opening Remarks

### Captain Robert Klapproth, USCG

Captain Klapproth assumed duties as the Officer-in-Charge, MARLO, Bahrain in June 2007, after serving as the Commanding Officer of USCG Cutter ACTIVE (WMEC-618).

Captain Klapproth brings a wide variety of operational and administrative experiences to this position, as well as a rich variety of international assignments and interaction in the maritime community. His operational experiences include Law Enforcement, Mass Casualty and Pollution Response, and Maritime Safety and Security while serving at sea for over a decade. Administratively, Captain Klapproth's previous assignment history includes finance, budget execution and program management, thus well equipping him to be considerate of the business aspects of the maritime industry as well as operational issues. He has also been assigned as the Chief, Office of Public and Government Affairs, Thirteenth Coast Guard District in Seattle, Washington.

Captain Klapproth graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Science. His assignments have included command afloat and extensive international engagement as well as large scale shore-based international search and rescue operations. His assignment history has taken him to a number of foreign countries throughout North and South America and the Caribbean basin.

## Keynote Speaker

### Commodore Keith Winstanley, MBE, Royal Navy

Commodore Winstanley is the United Kingdom Maritime Component Commander (UKMCC). As a Warfare Officer and Specialist Navigator, he has served in all classes of warships from minesweeper to aircraft carrier seeing service around the world in the South Atlantic, Northern Europe, Mediterranean, Adriatic (both afloat and ashore), three periods in the Caribbean, three in the Middle East and two in the Far East. His sea tours have included twelve different units, four of which as Commanding Officer. He was the first UK officer to complete the US Navy CFMCC Flag Course at the Naval War College, Newport, RI, is the youngest graduate of the UK's Higher Command and Staff Course, and has completed a Masters Degree in Defense Studies with Kings College London.

As the UKMCC, Commodore Winstanley commands RN and RFA ships in the Middle East and is responsible for in-theater progression of inter-naval links throughout the region from Jordan to India. Additionally he serves under the Commander United States Fifth Fleet as the Deputy Combined Maritime Force in the United States CENTCOM Area of Responsibility.

- MARLO is committed to maintaining close ties within the regional maritime community. Our liaison officers travel regularly throughout the Gulf and East Africa to foster communication, stay apprised of changes in local port infrastructure and management, and to proactively address your concerns and questions. We remain, first and foremost, an active advocate for mariners. We remain dedicated to providing accurate and timely information to the commercial maritime industry within the region.

## CONFERENCE AGENDA AND TOPICS

**DECEMBER 2, 2007  
2000-2300 HOURS  
REGISTRATION AND  
RECEPTION, DUBAI,  
RITZ-CARLTON HOTEL,  
SANDPIPER LAWN**

Dress - Jacket Without Tie

**DECEMBER 3, 2007  
0745-0830 HOURS  
CONFERENCE  
REGISTRATION, DUBAI,  
RITZ-CARLTON HOTEL,  
SANDPIPER LAWN**

Dress - Business Attire

**DECEMBER 3, 2007  
0830-0840 HOURS  
OPENING REMARKS  
0840-0905 HOURS  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
0910-1130 HOURS  
MARITIME PIRACY  
1145-1345 HOURS  
COALITION SPEAKERS  
1345-1400 HOURS  
CLOSING REMARKS  
1400-1600 HOURS  
LUNCH RECEPTION**



## M/V SPICE ISLANDER

### MARLO SUCCESS STORY

On September 25, 2007 MARLO received notification from a commercial maritime businessman in Kenya with business contacts in Somalia stating that the Honduras-flagged landing craft (open type) vessel M/V "Spice Islander" had experienced a fuel contamination issue while transiting off the coast of Somalia.

MARLO was able to obtain the status of the vessel and its crew, as well as its position, and immediately passed this information to Coalition Naval Forces. The USS STOUT (DDG 55) operating under the Combined Task Force (CTF) 150 was then able to quickly render assistance to the vessel.

### Safety and Security at Sea Somali Pirates

Due to a recent resurgence of piracy off the coast of Somalia, MARLO repeats its previous advisory, and urges **ALL VESSELS** to **REMAIN AT LEAST 200 NM OFF** the coast of Somalia.

Although there are Coalition Naval Forces operating in the area, they cannot be everywhere monitoring every ship that passes the coast of Somalia. The Coalition Naval Forces cannot stop these pirate attacks on their own. We need your help to effectively deal with piracy. You can help yourselves by keeping a safe standoff distance from Somalia, and you can help Coalition Naval Forces by informing us of any suspicious activity that you may observe.

Please monitor VHF channel 16 for advisories and report suspicious activity immediately via VHF channel 16. As always, we strongly encourage you to notify the Piracy Reporting Center of the International Maritime Bureau (IMB) immediately upon a suspected or actual attack via radio, satellite phone, or any other means available. Please ensure that your vessel AIS remains on at all times.

### Maritime Piracy

#### Maritime Armed Crime and Marine Operations

This lecture will be presented by an expert from a United States Government organization. The lecture will include various aspects of worldwide threats to shipping, as well as mariner warning information as it relates to the commercial maritime industry.

The lecture will focus on information on threats to, and criminal action against, merchant shipping and operations in the Middle East region. Information will also be presented on designated "High Threat Areas" in the region.

### Protocol

Protocol is a private company developed from the nexus between business corporations, academic institutions, think tanks, defense, and governmental agencies. Protocol specializes in threat and risk analysis and assessment of terrorism and piracy. Protocol's main geographical areas include the Middle East and the Arabian Gulf, as well as the Horn of Africa and West Africa.

Piracy in Somalia is closely correlated with the internal political instability and has again returned to dangerously high levels. The number of hijackings as well as attempted attacks in 2007 has increased from almost zero at the beginning of the year to a

peak in October with several hijackings and attempted attacks within one week alone. The financial gains of these hijackings have fueled further entries into the business of piracy and with a high return of investment. There is an immediate danger that it may increase even further. These issues will be discussed, and based on case studies, Protocol will discuss the threats from piracy as well as outline potential scenarios and counter-measures.







### Coalition Naval Forces Presenters

#### **Combined Task Force (CTF) 150, Commodore Khan Hasham, Pakistan Navy**

CTF 150 is currently led by Commodore Khan Hasham Bin Siddique SI(M) from Pakistan Navy. The Commodore's professional qualifications include Surface Warfare Officer Course from SWOSCOLCOM Newport, RI USA and Communications specialization from Pakistan. He has undergone Joint Service Staff Course and Armed Forces War Course at Islamabad. He holds Master Degrees in Joint Warfare, War Studies and MSc (Operations Research). The Commodore has wide ranging command and staff experience. He has commanded a Type 21 DDG, Pakistan Naval Academy and the Maritime Operations Training Complex PNS BAHADUR. He has also served as CSO to Commander Pakistan Fleet, and a brief stint as ACNS (Plans) at NHQ.

CTF 150 conducts Maritime Security Operations (MSO) in the Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, the Arabian Sea, Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. MSO help set the conditions for security and stability in the maritime environment as well as compliment the counter-terrorism and security efforts of regional nations. These operations deny international terrorists use of the maritime environment as a venue for attack or to transport personnel, weapons or other material.

#### **Combined Task Force (CTF) 59, Rear Admiral Terrence McKnight, USN**

CTF 59 is currently commanded by United States Navy Rear Admiral Terence E. McKnight and is made up of members from Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 2. Rear Admiral McKnight graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in May 1978. He completed his master's degree in International Relations at Salve Regina University in May 1998. Additionally, he graduated from the U.S. Army War College in 1994 and attended the National Security Seminar at Syracuse University in 2001. Rear Admiral McKnight's early sea duty assignments included USS El Paso (LKA 117), USS John L. Hall (FFG 32), USS Shreveport (LPD 12) and Executive Officer in USS Cayuga (LST 1186). He commanded USS Whidbey Island (LSD 41) from January 1995

until November 1996 and USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) from July 2002 until December 2003.

CTF 59 is responsible for planning and carrying out Crisis Response and Contingency Operations in the region ranging from disaster relief, humanitarian assistance, oil spill response, noncombatant evacuation, and foreign consequence management.

#### **Combined Task Force (CTF) 55, Captain Paul Severs, USN**

CTF 55 is currently commanded by United States Navy Captain Paul Severs who also serves as the Commander, Destroyer Squadron 50.

CTF 55 is responsible for operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf, as well as security of the Al Basrah Oil Terminal (ABOT) and Khawar Al Amaya Oil Terminal (KAAOT).

#### **US Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), Special Agent John Smallman**

NCIS is the Department of the Navy's primary law enforcement arm. NCIS has a proactive strategic plan which is to prevent terrorism related to hostile acts against the Department of the Navy; protect against the compromise of operations, information and systems; and reduce criminal activity and mitigate its impact on the Navy and Marine Corps' operational readiness.

Special Agents from the NCIS Middle East Field Office in Bahrain are regularly tasked with combating terrorism and conducting force protection matters, investigate major criminal offenses and provide force protection assistance to visiting United States Naval ships, personnel, and facilities in the Middle East and East Africa.

An interesting part of a Special Agents' roll is to conduct investigations concerning acts of piracy. NCIS Special Agents interview crewmembers of pirated vessels and collect and preserve criminal evidence which can later be used for prosecutions in any international jurisdiction. Among recent accomplishments are the successful prosecutions of ten pirates for the attacks on the M/V Delta Ranger and M/V Al Bisarat.

### MARLO STAFF INCLUDES:

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